## GREEN PARTY CALLS FOR BOYCOTT OF "DIRTY PRIVATIZATION"

**VILNIUS, Aug 14, BNS -** The Green Party called upon other Lithuanian parties not to participate in the privatization of party properties as an act of protest. Rimantas Astrauskas, acting as temporary chairman of the Green Party of Lithuania, made this public appeal to the chairmen of all Lithuanian parties on Monday. "By signing this statement, I promise not to take the bone which has been thrown to us and not to dance to the tune of the communists," said Astrauskas.

On August 1 the government passed a resolution "On the confirmation of the list of properties, within jurisdiction of the government, rented by political parties and organizations (or legally used by them in some other fashion)." The premises, being handed over to the parties as private property, include both individual offices in administrative buildings and entire buildings in various cities in Lithuania.

The government gave the Democratic Party of Labor the opportunity of privatizing 45 premises, whereas all other Lithuanian parties were offered a total of 46.

## BUSINESS HINDERED BY SELF-SERVING GOVERNMENT, SAYS ABISALA

**VILNIUS, Aug 14, BNS -** Former Lithuanian Prime Minister Aleksandras Abišala believes that the actions of the country's current administration are the major impediments to development of business in Lithuania. "The activities of members of the administration are self-serving -- if we do not wish to call them outright corruption -- and are the major hindrance for business," said Abisala, the former and fourth prime minister of independent Lithuania, in an interview with the newspaper Lietuvos Rytas. Abisala charged that certain enterprises have been privitized based solely on political loyalty to the LDLP.